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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Daniel M. Bartell, et al.

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**Title: Systems and computer software  
products for comparing microarray spot  
intensities**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The present amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.